Case 2583

Disophrys Foerster, 1862 (Insecta, Hymenoptera): proposed designation of *Agathis caesa* Klug, 1835 as type species

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Abstract. The purpose of this application is the designation of *Agathis caesa* Klug, 1835 as the type species of the cosmopolitan braconid genus *Disophrys*; the original type species designation, of *Ichneumon inculcator* Linnaeus, 1758, was based on a misidentified specimen.

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1. *Disophrys* was proposed by Foerster (1862, p. 246) with *Ichneumon inculcator* Linnaeus, 1758 as the type species by monotypy. He gave a clear definition placing it in the BRACONIDAE, subfamily AGATHIDINAE (named by him 'Agathidoidae').

2. The lectotype of *Ichneumon inculcator* Linnaeus, 1758 (from Sweden) belongs to the genus *Cryptus* Fabricius, 1804 (Roman, 1932, p. 7; Van Rossem, 1969, p. 345), which was transferred to the ICHNEUMONIDAE by Kriechbaumer (1898, p. 182).

3. The original diagnosis of *Disophrys* is based on *Agathis caesa* Klug, 1835 (= *Ichneumon inculcator sensu* Foerster, 1862 *nec* Linnaeus, 1758, and *Disophrys caesa*; Nixon, 1986, p. 190), which occurs in Central and Southern Europe, North Africa, West and Central Asia.

4. The holotype of *Agathis caesa* has been examined by Nixon (1986, p. 191) and belongs to the genus *Disophrys* Foerster, 1862 according to its original diagnosis, but not to its nominal type species *I. inculcator* Linnaeus.

5. The group of species currently placed in the genus *Disophrys* has never been renamed since 1862, except for an unjustified emendation by Kriechbaumer (1898, p. 181) as *Diophrys*.

6. If the Code is strictly applied the name *Disophrys* Foerster, 1862 (type species *Ichneumon inculcator* Linnaeus, 1758) becomes a junior subjective synonym of *Cryptus* Fabricius, 1804 in the ICHNEUMONIDAE, leaving the braconid species currently classified as *Disophrys* without a generic name.

7. The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature is accordingly asked:

(1) to use its plenary powers to set aside all previous designations of type species for *Disophrys* Foerster, 1862 and to designate *Agathis caesa* Klug, 1835;

(2) to place on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology the name *Disophrys* Foerster, 1862 (gender: feminine), type species by designation in (1) above, *Agathis caesa* Klug, 1835;

(3) to place on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology the name *caesa* Klug, 1835 as published in the binomen *Agathis caesa* (specific name of the type species of *Disophrys* Foerster, 1862).

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